

**MONUMENT ACADEMY**  
**“A Charter School, a Public School of Choice”**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

Minutes from July 14, 2022 at 6pm MST  
Monument Academy East Campus Gymnasium

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

**A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM**

- a. Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 6pm, read the mission statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum.
  - i. Board Members in attendance: Emily Belisle (virtual), Joe Buczkowski, Craig Carle, Lindsay Clinton, Ryan Graham, Danny O’Brien (virtual)
  - ii. Others in attendance: Mr. Holmes, Mr. Brocklehurst, Mr. Kennington, Mr. Vinchattle, Mr. Walker

**B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- a. Mr. Graham motioned to strike “letter F” from the following agenda item as crossed out below: Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a, d, e & f) to discuss the financing needs in relation to East Campus property interest; to discuss specialized details of security arrangements; to discuss positions relative to personnel matters for purposes of negotiating positions and advising negotiators ~~in relation to personnel matters with prior notice to affected persons~~. Mr. Buczkowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

- a. Mr. O’Brien, Mrs. Belisle, Mr. Carle were sworn in by Mr. Graham.

**D. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per person***

- a. Zachary Engelman spoke re: security measures
- b. Cristin Patterson on behalf of Karl Brown spoke re: dress code
- c. Cristin Patterson spoke re: dress code
- d. Heather Yuen spoke re: dress code
- e. Calvin Yuen spoke re: dress code

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.
- b. The next regular session meeting date of August 11 at 6pm at the East Campus was approved with unanimous consent.

**F. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Mrs. Clinton made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a, d, e) to discuss the financing needs in relation to East Campus property interest; to discuss specialized details of security arrangements; to discuss positions relative to personnel matters for purposes of negotiating positions and advising negotiators. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session adjourned at 7:09 pm.

**G. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES:**

- a. COO Report: Mr. Holmes read his monthly report (attached)
- b. CFO Report: Mr. Brocklehurst read his monthly report (attached)
- c. Committees:

- i. Highway 105 Committee Report: Mr. Graham states MA has received no bids for the recirculation project. The project in all likelihood will be pushed to the summer of 2023. The neighboring church has graciously agreed to continue sharing their exit to 105 with MA for the 22-23 school year. We will continue to seek bids from contractors.
- ii. Curriculum: no report.
- iii. SAAC – West: no report.
- iv. SAAC – East: no report.
- v. Governance: Mr. Graham reports that the Handbook review is ongoing.
- vi. Finance: Mr. Buczkowski reports that going into the 22-23 school year we are in a solid financial position with our past net income and our cash position. Our remaining shortages for the upcoming year will continue to be addressed through fundraising and increased enrollment.
- vii. Buildings & Facilities: no report
- viii. Volunteer Committee: Mrs. Clinton reports a parent volunteer has stepped forward to help manage and run the Track-it-Forward system.
- ix. RDC: no report

#### **H. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

- a. Aug.10 Breakfast for Staff Orientation will be hosted by the Board at 8:15 am. Ryan Graham moved that the Board appropriate \$1000 for an all-staff breakfast. Mr. Buczkowski seconded and it passed unanimously.
- b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Polling Data – Mr. Kennington reported the data from the findings of the survey.
- c. Uniform/Dress Code Policy Updates from Administration for MS and HS. It was verified that the changes to the MS and HS dress codes were reviewed by legal counsel.
  - i. 1501 MS: A few modifications were made to 1501 MS: changing the term “dress code” to “uniform policy”; no sleeveless jerseys on athletic team days may be worn during school and a shirt underneath sleeveless jersey must be worn; the word “graduation” was changed to “continuation.” Mr. Buczkowski made a motion that the board approve 1501 MS as written with the changes included above. Mrs. Clinton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The new dress code will be posted on the MA website.
  - ii. 1501 HS: there were no modifications to the proposed dress code changes. Mrs. Clinton moved to approve 1501 HS as submitted by administration. Mrs. Belisle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The new dress code will be posted on the MA website.
- d. Board Committee Assignments: Mr. Graham moved to approve the new committee assignments as listed below. Mrs. Clinton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - i. Buildings and Facilities: Mr. O’Brien
  - ii. Curriculum: Mrs. Belisle
  - iii. Finance: Mr. Buczkowski, Mr. Graham
  - iv. Governance: Mr. Buczkowski, Mr. O’Brien
  - v. Resource & Development: Mr. Carle, Mrs. Clinton
  - vi. SACC West: Mrs. Belisle
  - vii. SACC East: Mrs. McCuen
  - viii. Volunteer: Mrs. Clinton
  - ix. HR Sub-Committee: Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. McCuen
  - x. Highway 105: Mr. Carle, Mr. Graham
- e. School Safety and Security Special Meeting
  - i. Mr. Graham moved to call a special meeting on July 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the East Campus for the purposes of bringing Jimmy Graham with Able Shepherd to conduct a town-hall style meeting to address questions and concerns with the school community as it pertains to school safety and security. Mrs. Belisle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - none

**J. NEW BUSINESS** - none

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Mr. Carle moved to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**L. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per***

- a. Jackie Burhans spoke regarding the upcoming initiative on the ballot to increase teacher pay
- b. Emily Davis spoke regarding the upcoming MLO